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REF : a. Memorandum from the Assistant to the DD/I (Administrative), dated, 24 February 1959, Same Subject
b. Memorandum from the DCI, dated, 14 February 1959, Same Subject

1. As defined by reference b, the Industrial Division has one panel on the records, has held one meeting of one "ad hoc" panel, and has participated in the briefing and discussions of two other panels whose control is outside the jurisdiction of ORR.

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY ADVISORY PANEL

2. The so-called Aircraft Industry Advisory Panel is made up of six members from the [REDACTED] The members are identified as follows:

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3. It is important to point out that the members have never convened as a panel, but have been consulted in an advisory capacity on an individual basis in nearly all instances. The only exceptions being when two consultants [redacted] were called upon for advice concerning heavy bomber production. 25X1A5a1

4. These consultants have been used individually to advise on the reasonableness of our estimates of rates of production, scheduling assumptions, costs of production and producibility of various Soviet aircraft.

5. There are several good reasons why the members have not been asked to meet as a panel; first, manufacturers prefer not to exchange proprietary information with competitors even to an intelligence group; second, individual consultants are retained for different and special reasons and therefore there is little to be gained from a panel meeting of such experts; third, the consultants are cleared at different levels of security on a strict need-to-know basis, this fact alone would cause such a panel to be most ineffective if not inoperative; and finally, consultants of one company are not aware of our relations with other companies in their field of interest.

6. Therefore, it seems quite clear that in a strictly technical sense an advisory panel does not exist. It seems equally clear for the reasons given above, that such a panel would not even be desirable.

AD HOC PANEL ON FEASIBILITY OF INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR GUIDED MISSILE PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT

7. In response to a request from the Department of State, the Economic Research Area, OHR, conducted a two-day symposium (9 - 10 June 1958) to assess the problems and feasibility of an inspection program for a possible US-USSR agreement to ban the production and deployment of long range ballistic missiles. Some sixteen persons attended this symposium: three from CIA, eleven from other departments or agencies of the US Government, and two from the [redacted]. A full account of these meetings is available in this office. 25X1A5a1

OTHER CIA PANELS

8. At various times, representatives of this Division have briefed and participated in discussions with the Director's

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panels on guided missiles and atomic energy. The full membership of these panels is not known to this office but can be obtained from OSI.

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